GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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JHUGGI CLUSTERS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether lakhs of people are coming to Delhi every year and due to shortage of accommodation they encroach upon public land as a result of which numerous Jhuggi clusters are coming up in the city;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government are aware that the officers and employees of Delhi Police, Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Central Public Works Department take bribe and allow the Jhuggi clusters to come up in the city take no action in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/would be taken against the guilty persons;

(d) the number of people who came to Delhi from other places and settled here in Jhuggi clusters since 1998 till date;

(e) the number of Jhuggi clusters in Delhi as on 30.11.2002 along with number of Jhuggies in Delhi and facilities provided in each of the Jhuggi clusters and likely to be given in future; and

(f) the amount spent on providing facilities in these Jhuggi clusters since 1.1.2000 till date and amount proposed to be spent on providing facilities in these Jhuggi clusters during the year 2003 and 2004?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a)to(c): It is a fact that a large number of people come to Delhi in search of gainful employment opportunities and there are instances of encroachment upon public land. The Ministry has impressed upon all land owning agencies/local bodies to take effective steps to keep their lands free from encroachment. The concerned authorities are to take appropriate action against the guilty oficers, if any. However, DDA, CPWD, Slum & JJ Department(MCD) and Delhi Police have reported that none of their employee has been found to be involved in allowing jhuggi clusters.

(d)to(f): The Food & Civil Supply Department of Delhi Government had conducted a survey for the purpose of issue of Ration Cards for jhuggi dwellers in 1990. There were about 929 JJ clusters having around 2.60 lakh jhuggies. No comprehensive survey has been done thereafter.

The Slum & JJ Department are providing minimumbasic civic amenities in the jhuggi clusters. It has incurred an expenditure to the tune of Rs.109.94 crores on jhuggi jhonpri with effect from April, 2000 to October,2002. The expenditure proposed during the financial year 2003-2004 is Rs.65.34 crores approximately.